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10c yard for Crystalline Dotted Swiss, light & dark colorings—a 25c fabric.
15c yard for Organdy Carreux, a most beautiful goods, in floral effects & solid colors; worth 25c yard.

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In addition to the few mentioned are scores of other weaves, among them being HOLLY BATISTE, DELMONT BATISTE, EMBROIDERED SWISSES, PEKIN MARQUISSETTES, COLORED PIQUES, MERCERIZED STRIPE POPLINS, SATIN REPS, VOILE SATINS, etc.—ranging in price from 10c to 25c yard.

ASK COMMISSION TO WITHDRAW RATE ORDER

Retail Merchants Adopt Report Urging Conservative Policy Toward Railroads.

ADEQUATE SERVICE NEEDED

Annual Meeting Deals With Question of Restoring Prosperity. Officers Elected.

As at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, the most important question before the annual meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association at the Elks' Home last night, was a resolution asking that the legislative policy in regard to railway rates be made less stringent than heretofore, so as to restore former prosperity and give the railroads an opportunity to furnish additional transportation facilities for the growing trade of the South. After some discussion the report of the minority committee on legislation was adopted requesting the State Corporation Commission to withdraw the passenger rates recently promulgated.

Want Prosperity Restored.
This report, which was in the nature of the following resolution, was adopted:
The railroads and the industries directly and indirectly dependent upon them form a very large part of the commercial life of the city of Richmond, of the State, and of the entire country, the welfare of approximately 15,000,000 persons being greatly dependent upon the prosperity of these industries.

We therefore favor and urge upon our legislators, State and national, the adoption of a policy which will tend to restore prosperity to these industries.

The railroad problem, overshadowing all others in Virginia and in the South, in our opinion, is how to furnish adequate service and conveniences and give additional transportation facilities. To do this end revenues must be adequate, and should not be diminished.

We respectfully request the State Corporation Commission to withdraw the passenger rates recently promulgated.
Resolved, That the foregoing be published, and a copy sent to the members of the State Corporation Commission, to all our State officials, and to each member of the Legislature of Virginia.

Says Rhoads Are Losing Money.

The question was taken up after the reading of a technical and explanatory paper by Mr. George J. Say, on "The Passenger Rate Question and Its Effects on the Commercial Interests of the State." Mr. Say's argument was full, and he produced the figures to show the present status of the railroads in this State in comparison with those of other parts of the country. Many questions were asked him by members of the association, and he generally succeeded in showing that the railroads were suffering more hardship from adverse legislation than from others of the United States. Mr. Samuel Cohen, who supported the resolution, as he did in the Chamber of Commerce, made reference to that body, saying that he could not see why an organization credited with as much intelligence could have failed to see the advisability of it. Mr. W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber, defended the action of the body, saying that the matter had not been tabled, but that in referring it to the committee on inland trade, the Chamber had followed its invariable course in handling matters that had reference to the majority of the business interests of the city and State.

Reports of the president and other officers of the organization were read, and showed unusual progress, considering the financial conditions which have existed for the greater part of the year just passed. The attention of the gathering was called to the fact that at the beginning of the year the membership only numbered 100, while at the time of the reading of the report it was 126, with the prospect of many more.

Officers Elected.
The following officers and directors were re-elected for the year: President, T. A. Miller; First Vice-President, Samuel Cohen; Second Vice-President, W. C. Schmidt; Treasurer, H. Kaufmann; Secretary, W. A. Clarke, Jr.; Board of Directors—E. A. Dietrich, Fred Jurgens, D. A. Buchanan, Leon Dittibaach, L. O. Miller, J. G. Corley, S. P. Jones, Ralph Levy, Moses Thalheimer, B. B. Bowles. All of the other officers are also on the board of directors.

Before the business session an informal supper and smoker was held in the dining-room.

HENRICO VOTERS KILL BOND ISSUE

Incomplete Returns Show That They Did So by Not Going to the Polls.

SUPERVISORS PREVAILED

Board Opposed Measure for Relief and Citizens Failed to See Value of Movement.

Incomplete returns from Henrico county last night show that the proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$300,000 for the improvement of the public highways had been defeated, the most striking fact in connection with the special election being the small vote cast. Seven out of the thirteen precincts gave a total of 140 votes. The missing precincts, which could not be reached because of interruption in the telephone service, will hardly vote as heavy, and probably at the same ratio. In the presidential election last November Henrico's total vote was 1,080.

The defeat of the bond issue shows the effect of the opposition waged by the Board of Supervisors, members having frequently declared that they would fight it. This campaign on the part of the supervisors seems to have been remarkable in view of the class of roads given the people of Henrico heretofore, with the possible exception of one district.

Must Bear What They Have.

The apathy of the voters indicated that they had been properly aroused as to the importance of the issue or the good of the county generally. Although Delegate Throckmorton and the rest of the citizens who were in favor of the measure worked strenuously in its behalf, they were unable in the short time to reach the majority. On the other hand, those who opposed it for one reason or another, lost no opportunity to make points against it. The result, however, indicates that most of the voters did not care which way the election went, and that the majority of the ballots polled came from those who made it a point to oppose the measure.

It is now certain that for the next two years the county will be dependent for better roads on the same old system which has been in vogue for a number of years, which means that there will be practically no improvement until another election can be held, although the voting of the bonds at this time would not have increased the rate of taxation in any of the four districts of the county.

While the State Highway Commission, with the help of the counties, is doing wonderful work with the roads of the State, which should most of all see the need of good roads, especially into this city, will be without them for at least two years longer. The vote from the seven precincts heard from last night was: Chestnut Hill, 3 for 1 against; Hungary, 5 for 1 against; Bruns, 7 for 1 against; Jones, 6 for 1 against; Cary, 5 for 1 against; Bowling Green, 5 for 1 against; Barton Heights, 6 for 2 against.

OTHER WARRANTS OUT

Alleged Fake Photographers Must Answer Writings of Building Committee.
L. Rosenthal and S. R. Conn, alleged fake photographers, arrested Wednesday for obtaining \$4 from Mrs. C. Miller under false pretenses, were yesterday remanded to jail until today, when the detectives hope to be prepared in the case. The two men, who worked together, lived in No. 215 East Clay Street, and from reports received by the police it seems that they collected many dollars for which they failed to give value received. The men claim to be representatives of a New York firm, and their business is reproducing and enlarging photographs. Several new warrants were sworn out yesterday afternoon.

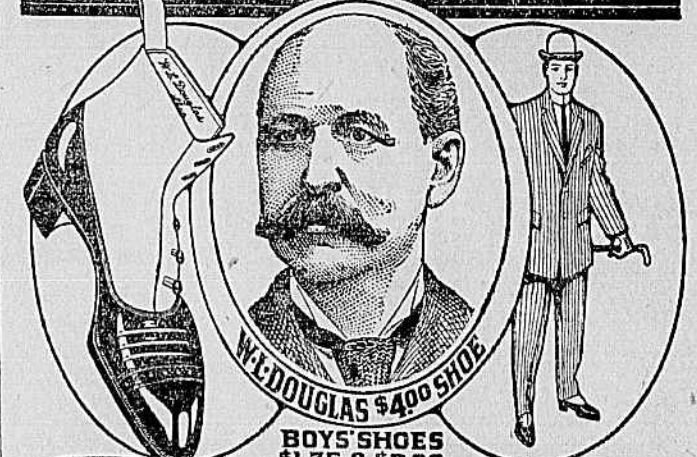
Conn and Rosenthal must also answer warrants issued last night by Mrs. A. Miller, Mr. L. V. Powers and Mr. Walter Scott. In each instance the alleged fake photographers accepted photographs for enlargement, collected charges and disappeared.

Judge Waddill Returned.
Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the United States District Court, returned yesterday from Pittsburgh where he has been holding court in the Western District of Pennsylvania. Judge Waddill was closed for some time with court officials yesterday, but the matters discussed were merely of a routine nature.

Marriage Licenses.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 21.—A marriage license was issued to the action of H. Lee, of Lynchburg, Va., and Sallie E. Merryman, of Rustburg, Va.

W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.50 SHOES FOR MEN



THE REASON I MAKE AND SELL MORE MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES THAN ANY OTHER MANUFACTURER is because I give the wearer the benefit of the most complete organization of trained experts and skilled shoemakers in the country.

The selection of the leathers for each part of the shoe, and every detail of the making in every department, is looked after by the best shoemakers in the shoe industry. If I could show you how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would then understand why they hold their shape, fit better and wear longer than any other make.

My Secret Process of Tanning the Bottom Soles produces More Flexible and Longer Wearing Leather than any other Tanning.

W. L. DOUGLAS SHOE STORE IN RICHMOND: 623 East Broad Street.

PUBLICITY HELPS FIGHT ON PLAGUE

Commissioner Williams Says People Are Trying to Find Best Methods of Prevention.

TO HAVE STATE EXHIBIT

Work on Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Old Red Sulphur Springs Soon to Begin.

"Never in the history of the country has there been such united effort in any social movement as there now is in the fight against tuberculosis," said State Health Commissioner E. G. Williams yesterday. While the important fact is the treatment of the white plague have been known for some years, it has only been recently that the American people have grasped these facts.

For example, before 1905 there were only nineteen dispensaries in the United States, devoted especially to the treatment of consumption, now there are more than 200, and if the present campaign continues this number will be increased. It is estimated that will soon be possible for every person suffering from consumption to have the means for treating the disease close at hand.

Cause Helped by Publicity.

Continuing, Dr. Williams said that this great awakening of interest was attributable in large measure to the methods of publicity adopted by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, and by the health boards of the country. "We have found that as soon as the people learned that consumption could be cured in its early stages they would be cured," he declared. "Hence our problem is largely how best to inform the public of the means and methods of treatment."

If the present plans of the State Board of Health are carried out a splendid tuberculosis exhibit will soon be sent through the State showing the people, in graphic form, the best means of preventing and treating consumption. This exhibit will be sent as rapidly as possible to all sections of the State, and will be open to public inspection.

Plans are being rapidly carried forward for opening the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at the old Red Sulphur Springs, near Salem. Workmen will be sent to the Springs in a few weeks to begin repairs and to put the cottages in order. It will then be a question of a few months only before Virginia will be prepared to combat tuberculosis under the most favorable circumstances and with the best facilities. Announcements of the plan for receiving patients will soon be made by the State Board of Health.

Starved for Three Days.

William Brown Easley, alias William Jones, was found dead last night by the Second Police Station just north of his mother. When the little negro strolled into the streets he was dead. He had walked the streets night and day for three days and had not had a morsel to eat. His name was not known, and he was only discovered when the mother unexpectedly walked in on him. William spent the night in the station-house.

PLACE PARK AT HARVIE AND MAIN

Committee Recommends Purchase of Entire Block in West End.

With the subcommittee which inspected the ground equally divided, the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night recommended to the Council, by a vote of 8 to 3, the acquisition by the city as a public park of the lot bounded by Main, Cary, Harvie and Randolph Streets, in Clay Ward. The subcommittee reported having viewed the ground and failed to agree. Messrs. Don Leavy and Whitte favoring its purchase, while Messrs. Buford and Tucker opposed it. On the final vote, Messrs. Buford, Tucker and Burton were against locating the park at this point. Mr. Tucker said that the ground, which was lined with buildings of a cheap character, had in the centre a gulley or ravine which would have to be filled at great expense before the block would be available for park purposes. The resolution directing condemnation of the property, no concrete action to be taken until the cost is reported to the Council.

Building Inspector Beck was instructed to consult with the City Attorney in preparing a contract with John T. Wilson for the erection of the Blues' Armory in accordance with his bid.

L. H. Gale was elected keeper of Monument Avenue grass plots, a position recently created by the Council, for which there were a number of applicants.

Would Rent Seabrook Warehouse.

A subcommittee to which was referred the report of the Building Inspector in regard to the change of the manner of brick work on the interior of the new High School building, reported sustaining the Building Inspector, but stating that the strength of the building was not affected, and that the cost to the contractor was approximately the same. There was no recommendation, and the report was forwarded to the Council for its consideration. A resolution was offered by Mr. Don Leavy directing that no further changes from the plans be permitted without approval of both branches of the Council, being rejected.

A proposition from the R. L. Barnes Safe and Lock Company to rent the Seabrook Warehouse property, provided the city would put a new roof over the whole structure and consent to the operation of a spur railroad tract, was referred to the Building Committee. The offer was to value the property at \$30,000, plus what may be expended on improvements, and to pay in annual rent 4 per cent. on the total for a lease of ten years. A motion to recommend the sale of the property was withdrawn.

The whole committee will meet at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Chimborazo Park to select the location for the Weather Bureau, and will later view the lot at Twenty-fourth and Franklin Streets, offered by the city by James T. Sloan as a playground.

ASK LARGE SUMS FOR CITY PARKS

City Engineer Bolling Presents Plan to Improve Public Grounds.

BUILDINGS ALSO IN NEED

Inspector Beck Recommends Many Modern Improvements in City Hall.

City Engineer Bolling presented to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night a comprehensive plan for the maintenance and improvement of the city parks, the estimate for park expenditure, to be included in the budget of this year, amounting to \$31,718. The largest single item is for the completion of William Byrd Park, and the opening of driveways through the Shields' Grove property adjoining, now belonging to the city, thus doubling the improved area of the park and making it by far the handsomest about the city. For improvements about the Reservoir, including the Shields' Grove tract and the athletic fields, the estimate calls for an outlay of \$23,326.

Mr. Bolling also recommends the improvement this year of Taylor's Hill, on Twenty-second Street, from Grace to Franklin, draining, terracing and opening walkways, and laying granolithic curbs and gutters, at a cost of \$7,525. At Chimborazo it is proposed to extend the granolithic curbs and to build permanent steps to the driveway at the foot of the hill, the total outlay proposed being \$5,830.

The enlargement of Riverside Park is proposed by the acquisition of improved property adjacent, thus carrying out in part an old plan for parking the hillside along the canal bank from Riverside to Gamble's Hill, with a continuous driveway.

Would Improve City Hall.

Building Inspector Beck submitted to the committee last night a budget for maintenance and improvement of city buildings, amounting in all to \$51,921, the most expensive repairs recommended being at the City Hall. At this building, besides the pay of janitors, supply of fuel and ordinary expenses, the inspector asks for an appropriation of \$15,825, which will include repairs to clock, to the roof of the boiler room, to the tile flooring, plumbing and skylight.

For the installation of a vacuum system of heat, with the present radiator, insuring a more equal distribution without the necessity for keeping the furnaces in full blast in moderate weather, he asks \$4,500. Other special appropriations asked are: installing a mail chute, \$1,200; remodeling and improving elevators, \$3,375; repainting interior woodwork, \$1,500; putting in smoke consumers to comply with city ordinance, \$500; repainting outside stonework, \$1,000.

Other City Buildings.

At the City Auditorium the inspector recommends new electric wiring to replace that condemned by Inspector Speights, and which was regarded as temporary. The total, including general repairs and painting the interior of this building, is placed at \$1,450. For Seabrook Warehouse, to keep the building from actual collapse, \$500 is asked, though if any use is to be made of it, a larger appropriation will be necessary. General repairs to the Police Regiment Armory, amounting to \$1,642, and to the Howitzer Armory, amounting to \$1,320, are recommended.

At the City Jail, painting and repairs are recommended to the amount of \$2,450, while \$1,500 is estimated as necessary to fulfill legislative requirements, the supply of fuel and the furnishing of the office and matron's room.

The reports of both the Building Inspector and City Engineer were approved by the committee, and these two officials, with Chairman Robert Whitte, were instructed to appear before the Finance Committee to explain the proposed improvements in order that these appropriations may be included in the budget for 1909.

Not Blamed for Death.

No blame was fixed yesterday for the death of Albert Alperin, who was killed last Monday afternoon while on his way home to supper. The coroner's jury reported that the deceased came to his death by being run over by Mr. Hermann Wendland, whose runaway horse dashed by the corner just before the Russian was knocked down, is not held responsible for the accident.

Girl Thief Convicted.

Eliza Cooper (colored), who was arrested Wednesday afternoon by Detective Sergeant Gibson on a charge of stealing a watch from the home of Isaac Held, was given 15 days in the City Jail for the crime yesterday. She is suspected of other crimes, but no warrants have been sworn out in connection to the one on which she was punished.

Murderer Brought Here.

E. Keeling Green, colored, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in the Alexandria county District Court last Saturday, was brought to the penitentiary yesterday. He is sentenced for eighteen years.

A CARD

In view of certain rumors to the effect that we, either individually, or jointly, are interested in or about to become interested in certain mineral water property other than the Buffalo Lithia Springs Water property, and in view of the fact that the numerous inquiries we are receiving would indicate that these rumors have been accredited by the public, we think it well to state as follows: We, the undersigned, have absolutely no connection either individually or jointly, directly or indirectly, with any mineral water property or any resort property, either in the State of Virginia or elsewhere except the Buffalo Lithia Springs property. We have at this time no intention of forming any such connection, nor have we at any time had any such intention. Any report to this effect is without foundation in fact, and is not authorized by us in any way. No member of the Buffalo Lithia Springs Water Company has any connection with any other mineral water property, either directly or indirectly, other than the Buffalo Lithia Springs Water property, and the use of the name of any member of the company in connection with any other property of this nature is entirely without foundation.

E. C. GOODE,
T. F. GOODE,
ST. JOHN C. GOODE.

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Boys' Suits, worth up to \$8.50, now \$4.45 for choice.

Gans-Rady Company

WOMEN SEE THE DEVIL AND HISS HIM FROM GALLERIES

Handful of Men at Matinee, and They Are Lost in Ocean of Frills and Furs—Greatest Feminine Crowd Ever at the Academy.

THIS is not a criticism of "The Devil." The man who will write that will be coming in presently, puffing and blowing to give a verbal opinion in one word—great or rotten. These few lines will deal with that matinee audience yesterday—a mass of femininity that was drawn to the Academy by curiosity. Not since the present theatre has been standing have so many women crowded it for one performance. There were no children in the house, and few young girls. Probably the audience had heard of the real thing, with pitchfork and horns; but it had never seen him in frock coat or evening dress. But it may have seen something almost as good—or as bad.

Before the first curtain was lifted the house was like a chatter box or the spinning room in a cotton mill, with its machinery whirling and whirling. There was never an afternoon tea so equal to it. Occasionally one saw the form of a man, crouched in his seat, surrounded by frills and furbelows, and silent. Two representatives of the stronger sex—the Devil called them the weaker sex—curled up enough nerve to sit in a box. They reminded one of a male music teacher at a female seminary.

On several occasions, while the real fine dramatic work was under way,

the audience sent forth a laugh that grated badly on the nerves. And then when the Devil was getting in his fine work the hisses that came from the top of the house reminded one of the greetings from the gallery in Charlie McKee's festive Bijou. A woman who sat by a reporter was silent because she was in strange company. Once, when the Devil walked by the window smoking, the woman gave utterance to one true criticism: "My," she said, "but that is one good cigar," and she threw the accent on the "one" as if there were bad cigars around her chateau.

The women blocked the entrance before the doors opened. And then they poured into the house—a whirlwind of colored cloth and a cyclone of hats. They ran up the side stairs to the gallery to look down upon a sea of frills and raiment. That cherished front row held no bald heads; it held pompadours and matted waves, and all that sort of thing. The place was dense with the odor of perfume.

The man on the door did not give away many rain checks; those who went out between the acts could have been stored away in a hamper. They sneaked back to see if the Molnar play pointed a moral and to hear the commotion when the thing closed. "The Devil" drew them even if he did not thrill.

BARRAUD GIVEN ONLY ENTITLED ONE YEAR IN JAIL TO WHAT THEY ATE

Street Fight Results in Both Civil and Criminal Prosecution.

Daniel C. Barraud, of 461 West Main Street, indicted for malicious wounding of W. J. Burgess, was tried before a jury in the Hustings Court yesterday and found guilty of assault and battery, the jury fixing his penalty at one year in jail and a fine of \$100 and costs.

Burgess charges his assailant with a savage and unprovoked attack on him on Broad Street, and since the prosecution has been pending has filed notice of civil action for damages, claiming personal injuries as a result of the assault.

Barraud pled not guilty, and took the stand in his own defense, claiming that Burgess had cursed him, which his opponent denied.

The proprietor of a Broad Street cafe testified that he had heard no such epithet used in his place, and that apparently the difficulty did not begin until both men left, the attack occurring on the sidewalk in front of the bar. Barraud was defended by Gilbert K. Pollock, who asked for time to prepare an appeal.

Thomason and Minor, counsel for Burgess in his damage suit pending in the Law and Equity Court, have attached the certified check for \$1,000 put up by Barraud for bail previous to securing a bondsman. In the civil action, it is alleged that Barraud struck Burgess with a heavy instrument, possibly "brass knuckles," and that as a result the lawbone was broken. Barraud claimed yesterday that the blow was struck with his fist.

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Men Held Over Store by Smallpox Quarantine Can't Sue County for Food Destroyed.

Two opinions were handed down yesterday in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. The first, which was rendered by Judge John A. Buchanan, was the now famous smallpox case of the County of Louisa against Yancey's trustees, and the other, which was decided by Judge James G. Whitte, was the case of Parks against the Commonwealth, which came up from the Circuit Court of Scott county. In both cases the lower courts were reversed.

The case of the County of Louisa against Yancey's trustees is rather unique. It seems that in 1902 smallpox broke out in the home of Yancey Brothers, who conducted a general mercantile store. The Yanceys lived over the store, and the entire building was quarantined by the county health officers. The two families, with several employees, were confined to the building for several weeks. One of the brothers died from the disease.

During the period of quarantine the families lived on material secured from the store. When the quarantine was lifted the county authorities destroyed much of the stuff in the store, and the remainder naturally depreciated in value, and had to be disposed of at a loss. Yancey put in a claim against the county for \$2,777.78 for stuff used by the families during the quarantine and for the goods destroyed and the loss sustained in the sale of the remainder.

The case was first tried in the old county court, and the jury awarded a judgment for \$484.48. Then the case was removed to the Circuit Court, and the jury there deducted \$115 from the former verdict.

An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, and Judge Buchanan holds that the case must be remanded to the Circuit Court for a new trial. Judge Buchanan decides that the court cannot hold the county responsible for the goods destroyed, and that the judgment can be rendered only for goods used.

Manslaughter Case Remanded.

In the case of Parks, who is charged with voluntary manslaughter, Judge Whitte holds that the lower court erred at the second trial in not permitting the testimony of the dead wife of the accused to be entered at the trial. At the first hearing the woman testified that Parks shot in self-defense. She died before the second trial, and her testimony was excluded. Parks shot and killed a man by the name of Sam Gilliam following a quarrel over some property. Gilliam is said to have drawn a gun first and Parks pleaded self-defense. The case was remanded for a new trial.

CONVICTS ARE TRIMMING TREES IN CAPITOL SQUARE

A force of negro convicts are at work trimming the trees in the Capitol Square, all of which were badly damaged in the heavy sleet storm Saturday night. The broken and splintered limbs are being sawed off and removed.

Governor Swann seems to be worried about damage that has been done to the trees this winter, and no doubt will endeavor to secure an appropriation from the next Legislature for the employment of an expert forester to trim them every fall. In the North the cities and States have the shade trees trimmed to prepare them against damage in sleet and snow-storms.

Umbrella Man Bankrupt.

An involuntary petition of bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the United States District Court against J. Newberry, umbrella merchant, of No. 325 East Broad Street. The application was filed by Jo Linn Stern, a creditor. Newberry, J. Kent Hawley is receiver. The petition will be heard at the next term of the court.